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Mr. Raymond P. Whearty  
Chairman, Interdepartmental Committee on  
Internal Security  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Whearty:

This is in reply to your letter of 22 June, requesting us to make a survey of the manner in which our information releases are reviewed and cleared from the point of view of strategic intelligence.

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I appreciate the complex nature of the problem raised in your letter from a security viewpoint. As the Director of Central Intelligence pointed out in a recent letter to the Secretary of Commerce, we strongly favor a program to restrict the flow to the USSR and the satellites of technical and other information which will benefit their war-making potential. We

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are concerned, however, that the means employed to achieve this control, particularly with regard to publicly available data, shall be such as to be practicable and to have the possibility of effectiveness. Ineffective efforts at control might merely result in a stoppage of such material as we are now receiving without preventing the USSR from securing any material freely available in this country. I wish, therefore, to ask your cooperation in assuring that any regulations or policies which may emerge from the ICIS will be so framed that the intelligence interests of the Government in Soviet literature will be protected to the maximum amount possible, and that the risks to our national security through Soviet reprisal in this connection will be carefully considered.

Very sincerely,

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